

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

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For: **CLOSURE SYSTEM FOR A SURGICAL RING**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In regard to the above-referenced application, the Applicant submits the following preliminary amendments and remarks to be respectively entered and considered prior to examination.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.